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The following documents are cited in the specification of the application in the order that they appear therein:

- (1) Betensky et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,745,301, issued April 28, 1998;
- (2) Aoki et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,999,007, issued March 12, 1991; and
- (3) Ohtake, U.S. Patent No. 5,999,329, issued December 7, 1999.

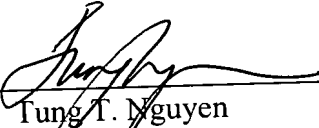
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- (19) Mihara et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,538,824 B1, issued March 25, 2003; and
- (20) Nanba et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,545,819 B1, issued April 8, 2003.

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